

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of Wisconsin

United States of America  
v.  
Lori STRINGFELLOW (07/23/1962)

Case No. 20-15-91

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of February 28, 2020 in the county of Milwaukee in the  
Eastern District of Wisconsin, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

TITLE 18, U.S.C. Section 111

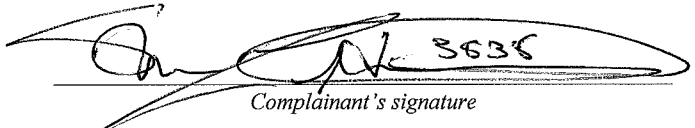
Offense Description

Assault of an employee of the United States

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

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Complainant's signature

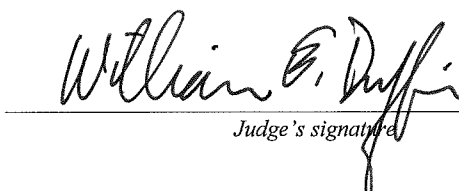
Shane L. Hitchler, Deputy U.S. Marshal

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 3/2/2020

City and state: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

  
Judge's signature

Printed name and title

## **AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

I, Shane L. Hitchler, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

### **I. INTRODUCTION AND AGENT BACKGROUND**

1. I am a Senior Inspector employed by the United States Marshals Service (USMS), United States Department of Justice, and I am assigned to the Eastern District of Wisconsin. I have been employed by the United States Marshals Service for 15 years. I am a graduate of Arizona State University and hold a Bachelor's Degree in Administration of Justice. I attended the United States Marshal Service Academy in 2005. I have also attended the Criminal Investigator Training Program at the Federal Law Enforcement Center in 2008. I am currently assigned as the Deputy United States Marshal and I am responsible for the safety and security of United States Courthouses in the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and courthouse personnel within the Eastern District of Wisconsin. I have received training for my position within the United States Marshals Service. I am a law enforcement officer of the United States within the meaning of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2510(7).

2. The facts and information contained in this affidavit are based upon my investigation and interviews conducted by myself. This affidavit contains information necessary to support probable cause and it is not intended to include each and every fact or occurrence in the matter observed by me or known by the government.

### **II. PURPOSE OF AFFIDAVIT**

3. I make this affidavit in support of a criminal complaint.

4. Based on my training and experience and the facts as set forth in this affidavit, I submit there is probable cause to believe that, on or about February 28, 2020, Lori Stringfellow

(DOB XX/XX/1962) committed, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 111, in the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

### **III. PROBABLE CAUSE**

5. The United States Marshals Service (USMS) cellblock is located in the basement of the United States District Courthouse within the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

6. On February 28, 2020, Lori STRINGFELLOW, hereinafter referred to as STRINGFELLOW, was at the United States District Courthouse located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. STRINGFELLOW was at the courthouse for a detention hearing before Chief United States District Court Judge Pamela PEPPER on case 2:18-cr-00031.

7. On February 28, 2020, at approximately 1430 hours, Deputy United States Marshal Kasey DOTY noticed STRINGFELLOW was on the floor of a cellblock interview room. Deputy DOTY asked STRINGFELLOW if she was okay. STRINGFELLOW appeared to be upset and stated, "I am not fucking going back to Kenosha." Deputy DOTY attempted to calm STRINGFELLOW down by advising STRINGFELLOW that the Kenosha County Detention Center was closer to her release residence in Chicago. STRINGFELLOW was then escorted into holding cell 4.

8. On February 28, 2020, at approximately 1530 hours, Kenosha County Detention Center Transport Officers had arrived to transport STRINGFELLOW to the Kenosha County Detention Center.

9. On February 28, 2020, at approximately 1535 hours, STRINGFELLOW was asked to come out of holding cell 4 for transport. STRINGFELLOW then began to yell, "You Mother fuckers are not taking me to Kenosha." STRINGFELLOW then went towards the back of the cell. Deputy DOTY noticed that STRINGFELLOW had broken off part of her

prescription glasses frame and was holding it toward her wrist. STRINGFELLOW was threatening to kill herself. Deputy DOTY, Deputy United States Marshal Benjamin GRAMS, Deputy United States Marshal Dakota URBAN, Supervisory Deputy United States Marshal Gary ENOS, and a Kenosha County Deputy Sheriff (name unknown) went into cell 4 to prevent STRINGFELLOW from hurting herself, and to get STRINGFELLOW ready for transport. As Deputies GRAMS and DOTY attempted to restrain STRINGFELLOW for transport, STRINGFELLOW intentionally dug her fingernails into Deputy GRAMS's left arm, breaking the outer layer of skin. This incident was recorded on surveillance cameras.

10. STRINGFELLOW's fingernails are approximately over 1 inch long. STRINGFELLOW has received disciplinary write-ups for failing to groom them to be in compliance with detainee standards.

#### **CONCLUSION**

11. Based on the foregoing, there is probable cause to believe that STRINGFELLOW has engaged in Assault of an Employee of the United States in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 111.